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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

VOL. IV. APRIL, MAY & JUNE, 1847. No. 38.

Stated Meeting, April 2.

Present, eleven members.

Dr. PATTERSON, Vice-President, in the Chair.

A letter was received and read:—

From P. de Angelis, dated Buenos Ayres, 14th January, 1847, announcing the transmission of certain documents relative to events on the Rio de la Plata.

The following donations were announced:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

Collections of the New Jersey Historical Society. Vol. II. New York, 1847. 8vo. This Volume contains the Life of William Alexander, Earl of Stirling, Major General of the Army of the United States during the Revolution. By William Alexander Duer, LL.D.—*From the New Jersey Historical Society.*

The Medical News and Library. Vol. V. April, 1847. No. 52. 8vo.—*From Messrs. Lea & Blanchard.*

The Constitution of the United States of America; the Proximate Causes of its Adoption and Ratification; the Declaration of Independence, &c. &c. Two Copies. Washington, 1846. 12mo. *From the Hon. George M. Dallas.*

Report of the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a Report from the Register of the Treasury, on Commerce and Navigation. Senate, 29th Congress, 2d Session, Document No. 7.—*From the same.*

Mr. Webster's Vindication of the Treaty of Washington, of 1842; in a Speech delivered in the Senate of the United States, on the 6th and 7th of April, 1846. A revised and corrected Copy.—*From Major James D. Graham.*

The Committee (Dr. Patterson, Professor Frazer, and Mr. Downes), to whom had been referred Mr. Sears C. Walker's paper on the planet Neptune, read 19th February, 1847, reported, recommending its publication in the Transactions of the Society, which was ordered accordingly.

Dr. Patterson read a letter from Mr. Walker, dated Washington, 31st March, 1847, containing some observations concerning the identity of the planet lately discovered, with that of Leverrier.

Dr. Ludlow, from the Committee appointed to consider the propriety of amending the laws regulating nominations for membership, made a report, which was laid on the table.

Mr. Ord presented a letter, directed to C. W. Bacon, Esq., from Alexander Ray, of Washington City, asking that an examination might be made of the papers of the late Chas. Pettit, now in the Library of the Society, in order to discover whether there are among them any documents illustrative of certain claims for revolutionary services.

Whereupon leave was granted to Mr. Bacon to examine the said papers, under the direction of the Librarian.

Stated Meeting, April 16.

Present, twenty-seven members.

Dr. CHAPMAN, President, in the Chair.

The following donations were announced:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society of London, for the Year 1846. In Four Parts. 4to.—*From the Royal Society of London.*

List of the Royal Society, 30th November, 1846. 4to.—*From the same.*

Proceedings of the Royal Society of London. Nos. 62 to 66, inclusive. November 27th, 1845, to November 30th, 1846. 8vo. *From the same.*